Proper System to Monitor Fair Price Shops

2255. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to call a meeting of State Food Secretaries to discuss a proper system to monitor fair price shops;

(b) if so, by when this meeting will be held;

(c) whether any groundwork has been done; and

(d) the steps proposed to tighten the system of deliveries to the targeted population?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A meeting of Food Secretaries of all States/UTs to discuss the state of preparedness of hte States/UTs for implementation of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) has been held on 7th March, 1997.

(d) State Governments/UT Administrations have been asked to identify the beneficiaries below poverty line, issue special ration cardes to them and make all arrangements for delivery of foodcrains to these targeted beneficiaries in a satisfactory and transparent manner as per guidelines already issued.

Allotment of Palmolein Quota to Andhra Pradesh

2256. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of palmolein oil allotted to Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the quantum of palmolein oil during the year 1997-98; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) The following quantity of imported palmolein was allocated to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for PDS during the last three years:—

Financial Year	Allocation (Qty. In MTs)
1994-95	33,300
1995-96	66,600
1996-97	49,000

(b) and (c) No decision has yet been taken by the Government about the import of palmolein for distribution under Public Distribution System during 1997-98. In view of identical import duty on palmolein for oil imported for distribution under Public Distribution System and Open General Licence, the State Government can import on their own.

Supply of Edible Oil to States

2257. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a request from Maharashtra Government for supply of 51,000 M.Ts of edible oil for the year ending December, 1996 for distribution under Public Distribution Scheme;

(b) if so, the present position in this regard;

(c) the reasons for the non-supply of edible oil;